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Group Art Unit: 1614  
Applicants: Luc J. Farmer, et al.  
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For: INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASES,  
PARTICULARLY HCV NS3-NS4A PROTEASE

Cambridge, Massachusetts  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and prior to any fee calculations, please amend the above-identified application as follows: